THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR) : (a) Arrangements exist for regular checks to prevent unauthorised water supply connections. If and when such instances come to notice, the connections are immediately cut off and legal action taken against the offenders, for theft of water.

(b) Govt. do not have any informatiton to suggest that there is any laxity in the assessment or collection of rates and taxes in Kanpur.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Pentagon Papers on India as Hegemonic Power

1194. SHRI SHABBIR AHMAD SALARIA : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that Pentagon Papers (USA) have described India as a hegemonic power ;

(b) whether this was taken up by the Defence Minister with USA during his recent visit ; and

(c) whether USA has disowned the said assessment in its policy ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR) : (a) Government is aware of newspaper reports highlighting the contents of the so-called Pentagon Papers.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) High level officials in the US Administration explained that the newspaper story was a clever destortion and an incorrect epresentation of US policy.

हिमाचल प्रदेश में अबेरी में छावनी की स्थापना किया जाना

1195. **श्री महेश्वर सिंह** : क्या रक्षा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि रक्षा मंत्रालय ने हिमाचल प्रदेश के जिला कुल्लू में अबेरी में छावनी बनाए जाने के संबंध में एक सर्वेक्षण किया था;

(ख) यदि हां, तो यह सर्वेक्षण कब किया गया था;

(ग) इस कार्य के लिए कितनी भूमि अर्जित करने की योजना थी; और

(घ) इस मामले की अद्यतन स्थिति क्या है?

पैट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री तथा रक्षा मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री का अतिरिक्त प्रभार (श्री एस० कृष्ण कुमार): (क) जी, नहीं ।

(ख) से (घ) प्रश्न नहीं उठते ।

Conversion of Leased Defence Lands into Free Hold

1196. SHRIMATI PRATIBHA SINGH : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1250 given in the Rajya Sabha on 5th March, 1992 and state :

(a) what are the differences between land held under old grant terms and that held under lease in Cantonments ;

(b) what are the details of Cantonment Land Administrative rules serial-wise; and

(c) what are the names and designation of the officials empowered for conversion of land from old grant terms/leased into freehold in Delhi Cantonment ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND

NATURAL GAS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR) : (a) While 'old grant' sites in Cantonments are held on desumable tenures for indefinite periods rent free or on payment of a nominal rent, lease hold land are held for a specific period or in perpetuity on payment of rent and/or premium. Lease hold lands are not resumable by the Government unless specifically provided for in the Terms of the Lease.

(b) A copy as Annexure of the Cantonment Land Administration Rules, 1937 is attached. [*See* Appendix CLXIII, Annexure No. 22]

(c) There are no old grant sites in Delhi Cantonment. The power to grant conversion of land from old grant/lease hold sites into free hold in civil areas of all Cantonments vests with the Government of India, Ministry of Defence.

Report of the Committee on Defence expenditure

1197. SHRI KAPIL VERMA : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state what action has been taken on the recommendations made by the Committee on Defence Expenditure set up under the chairmanship of Shri Arun Singh ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR) : Government has taken decisions to implement a number of recommendations of the Committee on Defence Expenditure directly relating to economy measures. Action has been initiated to prune expenditure in the areas of manpower, training, transportation etc. Other recommendations, which involve a more detailed examination, are being processed from the angle of feasibility, cost-effectiveness and other relevant factors.

Joint Indo-U.S. Naval Exercise

1198. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL :
CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH :
DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY :

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether during his recent visit to USA any basic modalities were worked out between the two countries in defence matters particularly the holding of Joint Naval Exercise in September, 1992 in the Indian Ocean ; if so, the details thereof ; and

(b) whether the proposal for purchasing of US M109 Self propelled guns artillery radar for India also figured in his recent talks in USA, if so, what is the present stage of the negotiations ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

मैसर्स बोफोर्स के साथ अनुबंध

1199. **श्री शंकर दयाल सिंह :** क्या रक्षा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या बोफोर्स के साथ सभी अनुबंध समाप्त हो चुके हैं अथवा क्या यह फर्म भारत को अभी भी शस्त्रों की सप्लाई कर रही है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो गत तीन वर्षों के दौरान मैसर्स बोफोर्स से कितने मूल्य की सामग्री खरीदी गई ; और

(ग) उसका वर्ष-वार ब्यौरा क्या है ?

पैट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री तथा रक्षा मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री का अतिरिक्त प्रभार (श्री एस० कृष्ण कुमार) : (क) मैसर्स बोफोर्स के साथ 155 मि०मी० एफ०एच० 77बी फील्ड हाविट्जर प्रणाली की